Measures to Solve Bodo Problem

2613. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the specific measure taken to solve the Bodo problem so far; and

(b) the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). three Member Experts' committee has been constituted to determine the areas of Bodos and other plains Tribals and make recommendations as to the autonomy, legislative, administrative and financial powers, that could be given to them. This Committee is expected to submit its report by 31st March, 1992.

[*Translation*]

Allocation of kerosene to Gujarat

2614. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been made by the Government of Gujrat to increase the quota of kerosene; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). Some requests had been received. Requests, whenever received, are considered and decisions taken keeping in view various factors, including product availability etc.

[*English*]

Gas Flaring Reduction Projects

2616. SHRI HARISH NARAYAN PRABHU ZANTYE:
SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to commission gas flaring reduction projects at all gas flaring wells;

(b) if so, the time by which the gas flaring reduction projects would be commissioned and the targets of zero level would be achieved; and

(c) to what extent the indigeneous demand of gas would be met as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). Projects for reducing the flaring of gas have been undertaken in the Western offshore region, in Gujarat and in Assam. Flaring is expected to be reduced to minimum levels by 1995. Approximately 11 million cubic metrs of gas is being flared at present.

National Research Centre for Onion and Garlic at Nasik

2617. DR. VASANT PAWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the reasons for delay in opening National Research Centre for Onion and Garlic at Nasik in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C. LENKA): Sir, The land for the proposed Centre has not yet been handed over by the Government of Maharashtra.

[*Translation*]

Use of Nuclear Energy in Agriculture

2618. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether nuclear energy is being widely used in the field of agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof;